

### REMARKS

Claims 1-68 are presently pending in the application.

The Examiner has required the election of one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 64-67, drawn to a supply chain management system with a system processor;
- II. Claim 68, drawn to a supply chain management system with a storing means; and
- III. Claims 1-63, drawn to methods for supply chain management.

In response, Applicants elect Group III, claims 1-63, drawn to methods for supply chain management, without traverse.

Applicants respectfully request that the above remarks be entered in the present application file. No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Response, due to the extension of time request submitted on July 11, 2008; however, in the event that any fee is due, please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-2468.

Respectfully submitted,

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